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In re Application of:

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SUPERABSORBENTS

Art Unit: 1713

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, Applicants request further examination in light of the following amendments and remarks which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 16, and ending on page 6, line 21, with the following:

In one embodiment of the present invention, the absorbent fibers comprise one or more superabsorbent materials in the form of a sodium salt of a cross-linked polymer. Such superabsorbent materials include, but are not limited to, Fiberdri® 1161, Fiberdri® 1231, and

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